



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2020
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Greg Wharton, Mayor
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Rodney Thompson, Councilmember
Zac Carroll, Councilmember

and all said persons were present thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy L. Smith and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills; Jim Vick, POA; Officers Christian Oehler and Michael De Leon; residents Robert Sheldon, Pete Moss, Pat Younger and Mona Gazal.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and November 13, 2020 Special Meeting

Secretary Smith moved approval of the Minutes of November 10, 2020; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2020 Special Meeting; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Finance/Treasurer's Report for November 2020

3. Quarterly Investment Report for July-September 2020

Treasurer Nelson reported that sales tax is running ahead of the budget. He explained that receipts for sales tax are reported two months after taxes are collected. Beverage tax reported in January is for the previous quarter. Sales tax from on-line sales may be higher with the new law that credits taxes from where product is sent. Sales tax is 21% of the city's revenues.

Treasurer Nelson moved approval of November Finance/Treasurer's Report and Quarterly Investment Report; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement

Christian Oehler reviewed the written report showing: 5 Citations, 15 Warnings of which 5 were residents, 4 visitors, 1 club employee and 4 contractors. It was a quiet month with extra attention on school bus patrols.

2. POA Liaison

The POA has combined the November and December meetings which has not been held yet.

3. Park Liaison

Secretary Smith reported the Commission has been busy with Holidays in the Park and did not have a meeting this month. Twenty-four trees have been decorated and will be judged. Wendy Smith told the Council the Park Commission has done a wonderful job on this event and the event promises to become an annual tradition.

4. City Manager's Report

Wendy Smith reported on the following:

- Playground maintenance. A Park Commissioner has offered to help with facility maintenance in the park. Replacement of playground is in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Working with the county on hazardous mitigation plan reporting
- TML has expanded coverage for technology security

Treasurer Nelson discussed revisiting the fence maintenance program.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wharton stated he was still finding his footing and developing his priorities. He has been meeting with people and looks forward to more input within the community. The Mayor mentioned holding one of the monthly council meetings quarterly at night and will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

- Mayor's appointment to the CapCOG General Assembly

Traditionally the Mayor is appointed to represent the city before the General Assembly.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to approve the appointment of the Mayor to the CapCOG General Assembly; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on Disaster Declarations, Travis County Orders, and the Governor's Executive Orders

The City will continue in alignment with the Governor's Executive orders for the next 30 days.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeway and City of Bee Cave for an Emergency Management Coordinator

As previously discussed, the Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Lakeway City Council. Bee Cave City Council will consider the same at their December meeting. If approved, the agreement designates each city's respective city manager as contract administrator, with the hiring process being a collaborative endeavor. It was recommended that the City Manager be designated a Deputy EMC.

Treasurer Nelson moved approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeway and City of Bee Cave for an Emergency Management Coordinator and to designate the City Manager Deputy EMC after all parties approve the agreement; Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and adoption of a Resolution Authorizing bank signatories

Mayor Pro Tem moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing bank signatories; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on Council Committee appointments

Mayor Wharton was appointed to Trash and Public Safety committees. The rest of the committee appointments will remain the same.

5. Discussion and possible action on Floodplain Development Permit fees

Wendy Smith explained as part of the Village's duty for floodplain management, permitting is required for development to occur in certain flood zones. The permit application included in the meeting packet was developed by staff in compliance with the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board. She asked the Council to approve a permit fee of \$250, only if a permit is required. Development in zones of minimal flood hazard would be exempt.

Councilmember Carroll moved approval of a \$250 permit fee where required; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding the Chameleon Court Greenbelt neighbor meeting.

Ms. Smith informed the Council of a scheduled meeting of Chameleon Court residents to discuss the options for a copse of fungal leaf-infected trees in the Chameleon Court Greenbelt. This has been an on-going problem, and although the trees have been sprayed a number of times, the leaf fungus remains. The trees can be sprayed again and the canopy pruned to allow more sunlight. Arborists have inspected the trees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

- New business items to be included on the next agenda

The following items are requested to be on the next agenda:

- Council meeting schedule

- Community Service awards/Volunteer dinner
- Strategic Plan meeting discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- Potential Warranty Claim against FenceCrete American Inc.

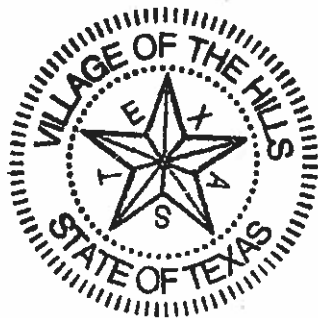
The Council came out of Executive Session at 11:01 a.m.

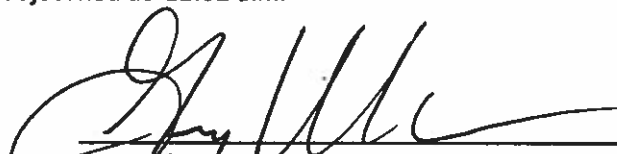
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Signed this 12th day of January 2021.

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 Greg Wharton, Mayor


 Linda Lunney, City Secretary